

with regard to hate crimes. What speaks volumes to me about the importance of this legislation—and the reason the Senate's inaction is so disappointing—are the stories. The people behind the numbers. The victims and the survivors.

In the strong hope that we will revisit this matter in the near future, let me share some of these stories—some of the awful realities of the crimes we are talking about. The most recent happened just last week in Riverside, CA.

Last Thursday, two gay men were stabbed repeatedly in the back outside a popular gay bar. One of these men, 40-year-old Jeffrey Owens, died hours later. Michael Bussee, 48-years-old, managed to survive.

According to the media reports, both men had come to the bar to celebrate a friend's birthday. After leaving the bar with their partners, Jeffrey Owens wanted to show everyone the pictures he had taken on a recent trip to Joshua Tree National Park. When he went to retrieve the pictures in his car, a man approached Michael Bussee, punched him, and then stabbed him in the back. Noting the commotion, Jeffrey Owens approached the perpetrator, and was stabbed four times in the back. Before stabbing Jeffrey, the attacker screamed a homophobic slur.

Apparently, neither man knew how badly he had been hurt. Jeffrey Owens didn't even realize he had been stabbed until he stepped out of the car at the county hospital in Moreno Valley, when his friends saw his blood-soaked seat.

Jeffrey Owens died hours later, after two operations. Michael Bussee was treated and released.

There are countless other stories I could share with you, but I will only touch on a few of them here today.

On September 7, 2000, a Los Angeles resident was charged with murder and hate crimes for allegedly killing a 65-year-old Hispanic man, Jesus Plascencia, by running him over at least twice in a parking lot. Authorities say she made comments about her hatred of Hispanics after she murdered him and referred to him as "dead road kill."

On September 18, 2001, someone threw a Molotov cocktail through the window of a Sikh family's home in San Mateo, CA. The fuse was lit but, due to some miracle, the firebomb did not explode as it hit the head of a 3-year-old child in the house.

In Santa Barbara, CA, a 37-year-old gay man named Clint Scott Risetter was killed after an alleged arsonist poured gasoline over him while he slept and set him on fire. The perpetrator says he killed Risetter "because he was gay," and because he had "a lot of hatred toward gay people."

And the list goes on and on. These stories are what make this bill so vitally important.

This bill would extend current Federal hate crime protection—which cov-

ers race, religion, color and national origin—to gender, sexual orientation and disability. It would also make it easier to prosecute hate crimes at the Federal level.

It is an extremely important tool to help our already overtaxed State and local law enforcement by allowing Federal assistance, when necessary, in the investigation and prosecutions of hate crimes.

It would provide Federal assistance to State, local and Indian law enforcement officials who have run up extraordinary expenses in connection with their investigation and prosecution of hate crimes. It would also provide training grants to help local law enforcement officers identify, investigate, prosecute, and prevent hate crimes. Finally, it would allow the Justice Department to back up local law enforcement by removing arcane obstacles that prevent effective prosecution of hate crimes motivated by race, color, religion, or ethnicity.

This bill has broad support from notable law enforcement agencies and state and local leaders, including 22 state Attorneys General, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, and others. With this broad-based support, and with the need so clearly urgent, this bill should be immediately passed.

Two years ago we stressed the importance of passing hate crimes legislation. We cited the examples of James Byrd, Jr., of Matthew Shepard, and others. And we passed it.

Here we are, two years later, making the same arguments and conducting the same debates. This time, the victims have new names: most recently, in my State of California, names such as Jeffrey Owens, Michael Bussee, Jesus Plascencia, and Clint Scott Risetter.

The time to act is now. It is my hope that we will pass this vital legislation by the end of this year.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred June 1, 2001 in Modesto, CA. The home of an inter-racial couple and the couple's two children were threatened when someone threw a Molotov cocktail at the couple's home. Police believe it was a hate crime, citing other evidence such as a watermelon thrown on the driveway, a box of grits, a frozen bag of black-eyed peas, and a 40-oz. King Cobra beer.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them

against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

LEGISLATION TO DENY U.S. TAX- PAYER MONEY TO ARAFAT AND THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today in support of my legislation to prohibit any U.S. taxpayer money from ending up in the hands of Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian authority.

Unfortunately, Yasser Arafat is not a partner in the peace process.

As long as the United States continues to provide money to the Palestinian authority through grants to non-governmental organizations, some of that money will end up in the hands of those who wish to do harm to Israel.

We must stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel in the war against terrorism.

We must also send a clear message to Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian leadership that the United States will not tolerate terrorism against Israel.

Israel is a true friend and ally.

And, as a Nation, we share many of the same values—democracy, respect for human rights, freedom of the press, a strong desire for peace and prosperity, to name but a few.

During the Camp David summit in July of 2000, it was Israel that was prepared to make tremendous concessions to ensure peace in the Region.

As we all know today, Arafat refused to reach a peace agreement, and walked away from the negotiating table.

Yasser Arafat did not want peace because he needs the conflict for them to stay in power.

Instead of peace, they chose terror.

My staff has compiled a list of terrorist attacks on Israel last year. In 2001, 79 attacks cost 160 innocent Israelis their lives, and wounded another 1,200. Since then, of course, we have all seen the tremendous cost in human lives and misery from many more terrorist attacks on innocent civilians, and the resulting isolation of Yasser Arafat and the civilized world's condemnation of the Palestinian authority.

We dare not forget the level of terror visited upon Israel by Palestinian terrorists.

Arafat is using his own personal forces to attack Israel through suicide attacks.

Furthermore, he is allowing Hamas and Islamic Jihad safe harbor in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad are two of the most heinous terrorist organizations in the world, responsible for the deaths of numerous innocent people.

Keep in mind, at one time, Arafat promised to get rid of these organizations.

Arafat's promises are worth nothing.

It is wrong to ask American taxpayers to subsidize the Palestinian authority when Yasser Arafat uses the resources of the Palestinian authority to attack innocent men, women, and children in Israel.

We have seen video footage of the Palestinian people cheering and dancing in the streets after the September 11th attacks—many holding posters of Saddam Hussein.

Yet, while we have sanctions against Iraq, we are providing millions of dollars in aid to the Palestinian authority through non-governmental organizations.

We know well that any funds, even designated as humanitarian, free up money that Arafat can use for his army of human bombers.

If there is any doubt in anybody's mind that Yasser Arafat promotes terrorism, I would like you to consider the order on the official letterhead of the presidential bureau of the Palestinian authority/Palestine liberation organization, bearing the signature of Yasser Arafat just 8 days after our country was attacked on 9/11, ordering \$600 be paid from the treasury of the Palestine authority to each of three terrorists. Two of them are senior activists of the Fatah terrorist group, and one of these, Ziad Da'as, is the head of the group behind a recent deadly terrorist attack on a bat-mitzvah party in Israel. The Israeli defense ministry says they recently captured this document at Arafat's office in Ramallah.

Also, I ask my colleagues to consider the order from Yasser Arafat to the finance ministry of the Palestinian authority from January 7th of this year. In this document, Arafat orders the disbursement of \$350 to each of the 12 named Fatah activists. According to the Israeli Defense Ministry, who captured this document at Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah, each of these 12 individuals are known terrorists, belonging to Fatah and or Tanzim. Arafat's approval is given in response to a request of Ra'ed Karmi, then the head of the Fatah and Tanzim Terror Groups, which perpetrated numerous murderous attacks on innocent Israeli civilians since September 2000.

American aid to the Palestinian authority allows Arafat to focus more of his resources on attacking Israel.

We need to make sure no taxpayer money ends up in the Palestinian authority.

My legislation would do just that.

As recently as April 7th of this year, Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" asked the Secretary of State to deny that Arafat is funding terrorism. Here is what he said:

Russert: Israel says documents link Arafat and terrorism. They seized documents and made them public, which linked the office of Yasser Arafat with terrorist attacks carried out against Israeli civilians and other targets. One of the documents, said to be an invoice submitted by a leading Palestinian militant group to a Palestinian official,

among other items, the invoice requested 20,000 Israeli Shekels, \$4,200 American, to buy electrical and chemical components for the production of a month's supply of 30 bombs. It's an invoice of terrorism, said Dori Gold, an advisor to Prime Minister Sharon. [Mr. Secretary,] do you believe the Palestinian authority harbors or supports terrorism?"

Do you know, what our Secretary of State replied?

Did he deny the authenticity of this document? He did not.

Did he deny that Arafat paid the bill? He did not.

Did he deny that our taxpayer dollars are thus funding the killing of innocent men, women and children? He did not.

What he said was, "It is a complex situation".

There's nothing complex about it! Our tax dollars should never be used for terrorism. Period. End of discussion!

After our Nation was brutally attacked on September 11, President Bush set a new direction in U.S. foreign policy.

He Said, "From this day forward, any Nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime."

By any honest assessment, Yasser Arafat both harbors and supports terrorism.

On the other hand, Israel is a good friend of the United States and the only democracy in the middle east.

I repeat, we must stand unequivocally by Israel, and do everything in our power to support her.

The record is clear.

Israel is a friend of the United States, Yasser Arafat is not.

We can't expect Israel to negotiate with individuals who wish to destroy Israel's very existence.

We must also ensure that we in no way support Arafat's oppressive regime by providing money to organizations affiliated with the Palestinian authority.

Every dollar that we send to the west bank and Gaza is a dollar that could potentially be used to support terrorism.

I strongly urge my colleagues to stand with me on the side of Israel and vote for my legislation.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, earlier this week I modified my bill, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act, S. 2076. I originally introduced this bill in an attempt to forge a consensus on what I thought was a straight-forward concept, the banning of reproductive cloning or the cloning of a human being. When I introduced the legislation, I stated: "It is a simple bill, but it reflects my view and a view that is held by almost everyone. . . . My legislation makes it illegal to clone a human being and imposes strict penalties against anyone who violates this prohibition."

However, in recent weeks those who oppose my legislation have interpreted the language of my bill in a manner that is not consistent with the intent of the bill. They argue that my bill as originally introduced would allow a cloned embryo to be implanted into the uterus and "harvested" at some point prior to birth.

I do not believe the language of my bill allows that, and it is certainly not the intent of the bill. But, in order that no one can misinterpret the intent of my bill, I am making an adjustment in the bill language. The revised language will define human cloning as "implanting or attempting to implant the product of somatic cell nuclear transfer, or any other cloning technique, into a uterus or the functional equivalent of a uterus." It makes it unlawful for "any person to conduct or attempt to conduct human cloning." The bill retains the strict penalties against violators that were present in the original version.

My legislation is silent on the matter of therapeutic cloning or what some call "regenerative medicine." I understand that this is a topic that needs thoughtful discussion and debate. It is a subject that is addressed in other bills now before the Senate.

I respect those who support the Brownback bill and wish to prohibit what is called somatic cell nuclear transplantation or the cloning of stem cells. This is a difficult subject and there is plenty of room for thoughtful disagreement in the debate. But I don't believe that we should prohibit the promising research that could lead to cures for diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, cancer, heart disease and more. I agree with Nancy Reagan, former President Ford, ORRIN HATCH, and others that this kind of regenerative medicine conducted under strict guidelines and controls can offer great hope to tens of millions of Americans and can save lives.

The debate on that matter is left to other legislation. My bill applies only to the issue of prohibiting the cloning of a human being and I hope that this change in the language will no longer leave room for those who are opponents to misinterpret or misunderstand its intent.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ALEUTIAN CAMPAIGN OF WORLD WAR II

• Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I submit the following newspaper articles commemorating the 60th anniversary of Aleutian Campaign of the Second World War and the veterans who served there. This campaign was the only action actually fought on American soil during the war. The men who served there endured not only the horrors of combat, but also one of the harshest environments on Earth. Fighting and, in many cases, dying, to prove that